Miscellanea.

Proposed New Church at Seacombe.—The amount required for the erection of this church is 3,000*l.* of which 2,364*l.* have been already contributed. So much difficulty exists in obtaining the remaining 636*l.* that the rector of Wallasay (Dr. Byrth), at a meeting held at Parry's Hotel last week, stated that 500*l.* of the amount subscribed was placed entirely at his disposal, and that if by the 10th of August next, the remainder of the money was not provided, he should proceed to build Day, Sunday, and Infant Schools, on a large scale, near his own church. He also said that a further portion would be withdrawn, and applied to the building of an Infant School in another part of the parish. He subsequently stated that a personal friend of his had allowed him to say, that if the subscription came within 100*l.* of the sum required, he would add that amount to his already very liberal donation. Another conditional grant of 100*l.* was made by Mr. Mainwaring, leaving 436*l.* still deficient, for lack of which sum, there is every probability that Seacombe for the present will remain without a church.

Labour Provided by Railways.—That some idea may be formed of the immense stimulus the trade of the country would derive from the formation of the contemplated railways, it is only necessary to state, that were 2,000 miles of the projected railways to be constructed, it would give employment to 500,000 labourers and 40,000 horses for the next four years. The necessary buildings, sheds, and permanent ways, would cover 20,000 acres of land, and to lay a double line of rails would require 400,000 tons of iron—*Bristol Journal.*

NOTICES OF CONTRACTS.

[We are compelled by the interference of the Stamp Office to omit the names of the parties to whom tenders, &c., are to be addressed. For the convenience of our readers however, they are entered in a book, and may be seen on application at the office of "The Builder," 2, York-street, Covent-garden.]

For Building a New Farm-house at Swavesey, Cambridgeshire.

For 1,000 Tons of Scotch Pig Iron, and 500 Tons of Finers' Metal, to be delivered at Rotterdam in the months of July, August, and September.

For Building a New Church of Kentish Rag Stone and Caen Stone at Homerton (time extended).

For the pulling down the present School House and erecting a new one at Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

For Lighting the town of Devonport with Gas for a term of fourteen years, to commence from the 1st day of October next.

For Building a Sewer of the first class (in length about 1,700 feet), at Little Chelsea, for the Parish of St. George, Hanover-square.

For the Construction of Four divisions of the Chester and Holyhead Railway, comprising the entire line through the County of Anglesey.

For the Erection of a Church at Zeals, in the parish of Mere, Wilts.

For the Erection of a Church at Merthyr Tydvil, in the County of Glamorgan.

For Building Sewers in the Old Bailey, Hanging Sword-alley, and Crown-court; also in Johnstreet, Crutchedfriars, and Cullum-street, all being within the City of London.

COMPETITIONS.

Plans are required for Laying out and covering with Villa residences about 20 Acres of land having a frontage of about half-a-mile to the Queen's-road, Richmond, Surrey, extending from Spring-grove towards Richmond-hill. Premiums will be given of 25 guineas for the most approved plan, and 15 guineas for the second.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"J. C. S."—*Mr. C. J. Richardson's works are the best on the subject named. Weale, of Holborn, would give particulars if applied to.*

"B. C."—*We will make inquiries on the subject suggested.*

"W. A." (Yorkshire).—*The Rev. H. Carrow, Loxton Rectory, near Cross, Somersetshire, has been named to us as likely to afford the education sought. If terms be too high for the inquirer's riches, Mr. Emberton, Croydon, Surrey, might be applied to.*

"A Constant Reader" (Aldgate).—*Much would depend on the instructions that were given and the nature of the specification. We might mislead him by replying in ignorance of these.*

"J. J." (Belfast).—*We are obliged to him for the enclosure, but have not yet had time to examine it. An account of the scaffolding, if peculiar, would be acceptable.*

"Col. M." *has our best thanks for his kindness.*

"Mr. Wood."—*A parcel is left at the office: it shall be forwarded if Mr. W. will oblige us with his address. Many apologies are due to him.*

"D. M."—*The notice which appears in to-day's* "Builder," *was in type before the arrival of our correspondent's parcel. We believed it to be from him.*

"A Subscriber" (Paddington). "J. L." "Tenders," *and* "D. F.," *next week.*

Received: "*J. D.*" (Bath.)—"*The Pictorial Gallery of Arts,*" *Part VI. (C. Knight),* —"*Old England,*" *(C. Knight),* —*Young's* "*Lectures on Natural Philosophy,*" *edited by Kelland, (Taylor and Walton),* —"*The Illustrated Family Journal,*" *Part IV. (Sherwood),* —"*The Illuminated Magazine,*" *No. 1 of new series (a very good specimen), and the Natural System of Architecture as Opposed to the Artificial System of the present day, by W. P. Griffith, F.S.A., to which we shall refer shortly.*

ADVERTISEMENTS.

TO ARCHITECTS AND SURVEYORS.

THE VESTRYMEN OF RICHMOND, SURREY, are desirous of obtaining PLANS for laying out and covering with Villa Residences about 20 acres of Land having a frontage of about half-a-mile to the Queen's-road, Richmond, extending from Spring-grove towards Richmond Hill, and within a few minutes' walk of the Terrace there. The Plans will be expected to include the laying out of grounds and suitable offices, but it is not expected nor required that the elevations shall be uniform. — PREMIUMS will be given of TWENTY-FIVE GUINEAS for the most approved plan, and FIFTEEN GUINEAS for the second.—Lithographic plans of the ground and further particulars had on application to Messrs. SMITH and SON, Solicitors, Richmond, to whom the designs are to be sent before the 14th day of August next.

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